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MFA STATEMENT OF FEB. 26, AS BROADCAST IN ENGLISH TO
EUROPE AND MONITORED BY FBIS, FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA TO LIFT THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO ON PAKISTAN IS THE
CAUSE OF GRAVE CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN. THIS DECISION IS IN COMPLETE
OPPOSITION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION,
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN CANNOT ACCEPT THE CLAIM
THAT THE RESUMPTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PAKISTAN WILL NOT
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DISTURB THE BALANCE OF POWER AND ARMS IN THIS REGION OF

ASIA. THIS DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN THE ARMED FORCES OF PAKISTAN ARE EFFECTIVELY, AND WITH GREAT CRUELTY, OPERATING AGAINST THE BALUCHIS AND PUSHTUNS, IS CAUSE FOR GRAVE AND DEEP CONCERN BY THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE BALUCHIS AND PUSHTUNS. THE RESULT OF THIS DECISION WILL IN NO WAY BENEFIT PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

SIMILARLY, IT IS SURPRISING THAT A COUNTRY SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH SEEKS TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY, IS IN REALITY DOING EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE. AS THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HAS SAID ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN ONLY DEVELOP AND ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THEIR SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND IN RAISING THE STANDARD OF THEIR ECONOMY UNDER CONDITIONS OF PEACE AND SECURITY, AND THIS LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO NOT ONLY DIVERTS PRECIOUS RESOURCES FROM THESE OBJECTIVES BUT ALSO CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE OF GRAVE TENSION. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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